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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Develop a
Successor to Existing Net Energy Metering Tariffs
Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 2827.1,
and to Address Other Issues Related to Net
Energy Metering.

Rulemaking 14-07-002
(Filed July 10, 2014)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING ACCEPTING INTO THE RECORD
UPDATED TABLES FOR THE "ENERGY DIVISION STAFF PAPER ON THE
AB 327 SUCCESSOR TARIFF OR CONTRACT: STAFF PAPER
DEMONSTRATING HOW TO USE THE PUBLIC TOOL TO EVALUATE
OPTIONS FOR A SUCCESSOR TO NET ENERGY METERING TARIFFS IN
COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 327"**

Background

As part of the work in this proceeding, Energy Division staff, working with consultants, has developed what has come to be called the Public Tool, for use in evaluating proposals for the successor tariff or contract mandated by Pub. Util. Code § 2827.1.¹ After extensive review by the parties, the Public Tool was released for use in this proceeding through the Administrative Law Judge's

¹ The directive at the beginning of § 2827.1 states:

Notwithstanding any other law, the commission shall develop a standard contract or tariff, which may include net energy metering, for eligible customer-generators with a renewable electrical generation facility that is a customer of a large electrical corporation no later than December 31, 2015.

All further references to sections are to the Public Utilities Code, unless otherwise specified.

(ALJ's) Ruling Setting Specifications for the Final Version of the Public Tool and Accepting into the Record the Final Version of the Public Tool (June 4, 2015).

To aid parties in using the Public Tool to develop their proposals and to appropriately include alternatives for disadvantaged communities, Energy Division staff produced two papers in early June, 2015.² The papers were accepted into the record in a ruling that also provided direction to the parties for their proposals for a successor tariff or contract. (ALJ's Ruling (1) Accepting into the Record Energy Division Staff Papers on the AB 327 Successor Tariff or Contract; (2) Seeking Party Proposals for the Successor Tariff or Contract; (3) Setting a Partial Schedule for Further Activities in this Proceeding (June 4, 2015).

On July 20, 2015, the ALJ's Ruling Providing Further Instructions for Parties' Proposals and Accepting into the Record Certain Updates to the Public Tool (July 20 Ruling) brought the record on the Public Tool up to date by accepting into the record of this proceeding various technical fixes to the Public Tool and updates to the rate structure used in the Public Tool to take account of the Commission's residential rate redesign in Decision (D.) 15-07-001.

The July 20 Ruling also updated the instructions to parties for using the Public Tool in developing and evaluating their proposals for a successor tariff or standard contract. In particular, the July 20 Ruling requires parties to take account of D.15-07-001 by running their proposals for a successor standard contract or tariff using three different rate structures in the Public Tool: a

² The staff paper relevant to this ruling is *Energy Division Staff Paper on the AB 327 Successor Tariff or Contract: Staff paper Demonstrating how to use the Public Tool to Evaluate Options for a Successor to Net Energy Metering (NEM) tariffs in Compliance with Assembly Bill 327* (June 3, 2015). (Staff Tariff Paper).

two-tier rate structure, and two time of use (TOU) rate structures that each present a bookend of potential TOU periods that could be implemented.

1. Updated Tables for Staff Tariff Paper

In order to aid parties in developing and evaluating their proposals in accordance with the July 20 Ruling, Energy Division staff has updated the tables presented in the Staff Tariff Paper. Each updated table is intended to replace the table of the same number and heading in the Staff Tariff Paper. The updated tables will allow parties to check their use of the updated Public Tool against the illustrative updated tables provided by Energy Division staff. On July 28, 2015, Energy Division staff made the updated tables available on the Commission's web site at

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/DistGen/NEMWorkShop04232014.htm>

and notified the service list of the availability of the updated tables.

In order to aid parties in preparing and evaluating their proposals, the updated tables for the Staff Tariff Paper, dated July 28, 2015 and available at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/DistGen/NEMWorkShop04232014.htm> should be accepted into the record of this proceeding.

Parties should note that Energy Division staff updated only the relevant tables in the Staff Tariff Paper. The text of the Staff Tariff Paper, intended to demonstrate the process of presenting information in parties' proposals, has not been revised. In any comments and/or reply comments on the Staff Tariff Paper, parties must refer to the updated tables dated July 28, 2015. If relevant, any

party comments on the Staff Tariff Paper must make clear whether the comments are responding to the updated tables, to the original text, or to both.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The recently updated tables for the *Energy Division Staff Paper on the AB 327 Successor Tariff or Contract: Staff paper Demonstrating how to use the Public Tool to Evaluate Options for a Successor to Net Energy Metering (NEM) tariffs in Compliance with Assembly Bill 327* (June 3, 2015) (Staff Tariff Paper), found at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/DistGen/NEMWorkShop04232014.htm>, are accepted into the record of this proceeding.

2. Parties must use the updated tables for the Staff Tariff Paper in any comments and/or reply comments on the Staff Tariff Paper filed in accordance with the schedule set out in the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Granting in Part Motion of the Alliance for Solar Choice and Revising Procedural Schedule (June 23, 2015).

Dated July 29, 2015 at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANNE E. SIMON
Anne E. Simon
Administrative Law Judge